

**Introduced by Committee on Governmental Organization (Senators Wright (Chair), Benoit, Calderon, Denham, Florez, Harman, Negrete McLeod, Oropeza, Padilla, Romero, Wiggins, Wyland, and Yee)**

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An act to amend Section 8592.1 of the Government Code, relating to public safety communication.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 828, as introduced, Committee on Governmental Organization. Public safety communication.

Existing law, the Public Safety Communication Act of 2002, defines terms for its purposes and establishes the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee.

This bill would revise and add to these definitions and rename the committee as the Public Safety Emergency Communications Strategic Planning Committee.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 8592.1 of the Government Code is
- 2     amended to read:
- 3     8592.1. For purposes of this article, the following terms have
- 4     the following meanings:
- 5     (a) "Backward compatibility" means that the equipment is able
- 6     to function with older, existing equipment.

1 (b) “California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee”  
2 means the committee established under the Communications and  
3 Technology Development Branch of the California Emergency  
4 Management Agency.

5 ~~(b)–~~

6 (c) “Committee” means the Public Safety–Radio Emergency  
7 Communications Strategic Planning Committee, ~~which was~~  
8 established in December 1994 in recognition of the need to improve  
9 existing public radio systems and to develop interoperability among  
10 public safety departments and between state public safety  
11 departments and local or federal entities, and ~~which that~~ consists  
12 of representatives of the following state entities:

13 (1) ~~The Office of Emergency Services, who~~ California  
14 Emergency Management Agency, whose representative shall serve  
15 as chairperson.

16 (2) The Department of the California Highway Patrol.

17 (3) The Department of Transportation.

18 (4) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

19 (5) The Department of Parks and Recreation.

20 (6) The Department of Fish and Game.

21 (7) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

22 (8) The Department of Justice.

23 (9) The Department of Water Resources.

24 (10) The State Department of Public Health.

25 (11) The Emergency Medical Services Authority.

26 (12) The Department of General Services.

27 ~~(13) The Office of Homeland Security.~~

28 ~~(14)–~~

29 ~~(13)~~ The Military Department.

30 ~~(15)–~~

31 ~~(14)~~ The Department of Finance.

32 ~~(e)–~~

33 (d) “First response agencies” means public agencies that, in the  
34 early states of an incident, are responsible for, among other things,  
35 the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the  
36 environment, including, but not limited to, state fire agencies, state  
37 and local emergency medical services agencies, local sheriffs’  
38 departments, municipal police departments, county and city fire  
39 departments, and police and fire protection districts.

40 ~~(d)~~

1 (e) “Nonproprietary equipment or systems” means equipment  
2 or systems that are able to function with another manufacturer’s  
3 equipment or system regardless of type or design.

4 ~~(e)~~

5 (f) “Open architecture” means a system that can accommodate  
6 equipment from various vendors because it is not a proprietary  
7 system.

8 ~~(f)~~

9 (g) “Public safety radio subscriber” means the ultimate end user.  
10 Subscribers include individuals or organizations, including, for  
11 example, local police departments, fire departments, and other  
12 operators of a public safety radio system. Typical subscriber  
13 equipment includes end instruments, including mobile radios,  
14 hand-held radios, mobile repeaters, fixed repeaters, transmitters,  
15 or receivers that are interconnected to utilize assigned public safety  
16 communications frequencies.

17 ~~(g)~~

18 (h) “Public safety spectrum” means the spectrum allocated by  
19 the Federal Communications Commission for operation of  
20 interoperable and general use radio communication systems for  
21 public safety purposes ~~within the state~~.